

EXTENSION OF REMARKS
THE HONORABLE SHERWOOD BOEHLERT (R-NY)
ON
S. CON. RES. 13

Mr. Speaker, I proudly support S. Con. Res. 13, a resolution to recognize the American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME) on the occasion of its 125th anniversary.

Since 1880, ASME has focused upon technical, educational, and research issues as they pertain to engineering. It has played a key role in standardization and safety—developing and promulgating more than 600 codes and standards over its 125-year history.

Significantly, ASME created a comprehensive Boiler Code in reaction to the dangerous widespread boiler explosions that plagued early 20th century America. Following rapid adoption, this code virtually eliminated the scourge of boiler explosions. In updated versions, the code is still in existence today. It serves as a clear example of the value—indeed the necessity—of clear standards to prevent injury and maximize economic output.

Fifty years after its founding, ASME worked to promote precision machining, mass production and commercial transportation—all technologies that triggered enormous productivity gains and opened the nation and the world to American enterprise. Prominent ASME members included pioneers of American technology and industry such as Thomas Edison, Henry Ford and George Westinghouse. At the same time, the human aspect of industrial processes grew into focus; ASME leaders Henry Robinson Towne, Frederick Taylor and James M. Dodge pioneered management practices that reformed labor-management relations.

Today, over 120,000 members comprise ASME, serving the interests of industry, government, academia and the public. ASME members play a key role in providing affordable access to energy and natural resources. Its members work to ensure the quality of scientific research as well as science and technology education. In fact, ASME fellows can be found in the halls of Congress and throughout the Administration providing valuable insight on legislation and helping to shape engineering and technology policy.

Recently, ASME members have risen to the challenge posed by the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. Their intensified efforts have developed technologies for homeland security and protected critical assets to our nation.

On behalf of the 109th congress, I warmly congratulate ASME for 125 years of service to the United States. I wish to extend my sincere appreciation to President Harry Armen and the members of ASME for their strong leadership and I look forward to future ASME achievement.